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UPDATE

"Traffic Switch" Scheduled for Carquinez Bridge Eastbound Traffic to be Diverted to 1927 Bridge for Two Months

Crockett - On **September 25, 2005**, at 12:01 a.m., eastbound traffic on Interstate 80 will be diverted onto the 1927 Carquinez Bridge for a period of about two months.

The diversion will allow construction crews to replace the deck on the approach to the 1958 bridge. After almost fifty years, the existing deck has become badly worn. The new deck will incorporate the latest construction techniques and materials. By diverting traffic completely off of the 1958 bridge, crews will be able to work much more quickly and safely. (See attached photo.)

Westbound traffic will NOT be affected.

This week, crews will begin the necessary preparatory work. There will be a number of late-night lane closures. Signs will be placed on the bridge, and its approach, alerting commuters to the traffic switch. However, commuters are advised to plan ahead and allow for extra time during the initial transition period.

The Pomona Street off- and on-ramps will be closed, as well. Off-ramp traffic will be detoured on to the Cummings Skyway exit, and then into Crockett. It will be similar to the detour used during construction of the new Carquinez Bridge. The ramp closures will last through early December. (See attached map.)

A News Media Availability will be held on Friday, September 23, 2005, at 10:00 am, in the Caltrans construction trailer located at 1600 Pomona Street in Crockett.

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